MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In Makaram 1115.

(*c*) No. It was not a vacancy but a newly created post.

(*d*) The person holds the Vaidyakalanidhi Diploma and has undergone a regular course of practical training in the Panchakarma forms of treatment for a period of two years.

(*e*) (i) Vasthi (വസ്തി)
(ii) Vamanam (വമനം)
(iii) Nasyam (നസ്യം)
(iv) Virachanam (വിരേചനം)
(v) Raktamoksham (രക്തമോക്ഷം)

(*f*) On all the five branches referred to in the answer to part (*e*).

Panchakarma treatment in the Ayurveda Department.

255. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have appointed a specialist for *Panchakarma* treatment in the Ayurveda Department;

(*b*) if answer to part (a) is in the affirmative his special qualifications; and

(*c*) the number of patients who have undergone *Panchakarma* treatment under the said specialist?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) and (*b*): Reference is invited to the answers to parts (*a*) and (*d*) of Interpellation No. 254 by Mr. Murukkumpuzha V. Kunjukrishnan, on the subject.

(*c*) In-patients—28, and
Out-patients—28.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: With reference to answer to part (*c*) may I know the period during which they were treated?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: On an average about a month.

Diet to patients in the Medical Department.

256. *MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what was the total decrease in expenditure under diet to patients in the Medical Department during the year 1114; and

(*b*) what are the main items in which this cut in expenditure was effected?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) About Rs. 13,000.

(*b*) As a rule certain extra diets supplied to certain institutions were reduced. It is not possible to enumerate the items under which the saving was effected as the diets were prescribed according to the needs of the in-patients.

Diet in the District Hospital, Vaikom.

257. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount sanctioned during the years 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, and 1114 for diet in the District Hospital, Vaikom, and the number of in-patients in the hospital during those years?

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